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***NON-RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT***

The reply filed on April 12, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicants have canceled originally filed claims 1-12, directed to methods of testing for BSE and added new claims directed to testing for multiple sclerosis. Each of these diseases have distinct clinical manifestations, for instance spongiform encephalopathy embraces Creutzfeldt-Jakob syndrome, which leads to partial degeneration of the pyramidal tracts, and progressive dementia, whereas multiple sclerosis is a demyelinating disease which leads to weakness and incoordination. Accordingly, methods of detecting each of these diseases are considered separate inventions. Since Applicant has already received an Office Action on the merits for detecting BSE, Applicant is required to limit the scope of the claimed subject matter to claims pertaining to BSE. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark Navarro whose telephone number is (571) 272-0861. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynette Smith can be reached on (571) 272-0864. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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